



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

March 9, 2004

Rose

Mayor Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Chuck Lowry, Councilmembers Betty Heckendorn, Judee Wells, and John Rose.

EXCUSED: Tom Robinson, Malcolm Hickey.

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens, Town Marshal Kyle Branum, Water Dept Manager Bob Durr.

GUESTS: WABA Representative Chuck Thulin.

MINUTES: Councilmember Heckendorn moved to approve the February 10, 2004 minutes as written. Councilmember Wells seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the proposed resolution regarding an interlocal agreement for jail administration that was tabled at the February meeting is still not ready to come forward to the Council. She explained that Town Attorney Stewart has informed her that no additional changes have been agreed to or incorporated into the documents originally presented to the parties to the agreement for provisional approval nor is there a good estimate for when this work will be completed.

Mayor Lowry asked if we have started to collect email addresses from residents to notify them of important issues and events. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will put a notice in the March Town Bulletin asking for input from residents and will repeat the notice over the course of several months. She will also contact David Dempster and Kyle Branum as they may have a partial list already.

WARRANTS: Councilmember Rose moved to approve the March 9, 2004 warrants in the amount of \$14,610.58. Councilmember Heckendorn seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

MARSHAL'S REPORT: Marshal Branum reported that there was no activity to report. He commented that he discussed locking mailboxes with the USPS and learned that they are a great deterrent but are not foolproof. He added that it is not clear if the locking mailboxes that were broken into were made of plastic or metal.

WABA REPORT: WABA Representative Chuck Thulin reminded the Council that the Spring Beach Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday April 24. He reported that WABA has purchased several new signs for the beach that read "Private Beach – Members Only".

He also reported that WABA is reviewing the speed bumps on the North Beach road in response to ongoing complaints and that the bumps will probably be reduced in size or removed.

Mr. Thulin reported that WABA is retaining counsel in the matter of the dispute with the Solaros though there is still some discussion back and forth between the parties. He added that WABA expects to pay for this legal representation with a special assessment. Councilmember Wells asked if WABA has considered using a mediator. Mr. Thulin answered that he thinks filing a complaint may trigger mediation, but he's not certain.

WATER REPORT: Water Dept Manager Bob Durr stated that he had nothing to report.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported for Councilmember Robinson that she had attended the King County Hazard Mitigation Strategy meeting and had learned that the Mayor needs to sign a form indicating that the Town wishes to participate in the overall County strategy and that the Council will adopt the Hazard Mitigation Strategy that it develops. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the Mayor should sign this document without a carried motion.

Clerk-Treasurer Spens also reported that the timing for our participation in this joint hazard-mitigation plan development is tight as we have come to the process later than other jurisdictions but that we should do our best to develop a simple plan to include with the County's much larger plan so that we are eligible for FEMA funding when it becomes available. She noted that if we do not participate in this round of planning, we will have to develop and complete plan on our own (an onerous task) as the County will no longer be working in conjunction with smaller jurisdictions within its boundaries. She added that she would work with Councilmember Robinson to prepare our draft strategy.

LOCKING MAILBOXES: Clerk-Treasurer Spens described the locking mailboxes that the Town of Hunts Point has purchased and explained that Hunts Point residents reimburse the Town for the box after it is installed on the mailstand. She added she had researched the possibility of using Criminal Justice funds for this purchase at the Council's request but it doesn't look as though this would qualify. She commented that one big advantage for residents would be the volume discount that the Town could get for making a large bulk purchase. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that Clerk-Treasurer Spens put a notice in the Town Bulletin with a photograph of the boxes in use on Hunts Point asking residents to indicate their interest in participating in such a bulk purchase.

IMPROVING STREET SIGNS FOR SAFETY: Mayor Lowry reported that he has appointed Barbara Welsh, Helen Lewis, and Sylvia Hobbs to a subcommittee to study the issue of improving the Town's street signs for safety reasons. He added that the committee will develop some design options and their associated costs and then bring a proposal to the Council

for review in April. Clerk-Treasurer Spens will check with the State Auditor's office about using Criminal Justice funds to improve street signage for emergency response crews.

INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE: Bob Durr commented that the State is due to adopt the IBC in place of the Uniform Building Code as of July 1, 2004. He suggested that the Town investigate what effect, if any, this will have on the Town's building ordinances.

I-90 BRIDGE NOISE: Walter Scott reported to the Council that volunteers collected 240 signatures on a petition asking the State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to further investigate the issue of noise on the I-90 bridge and that the petition seems to have generated some attention, at least for improving safety on the bridge's bike path. He noted that County Councilmember Rob McKenna has been pushing for a public meeting to review WSDOT's preferred alternative, known as Option R8A. Mr. Scott added that he will prepare some materials for the Council review at their April meeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor Lowry reported that he has appointed Jake Donoghue to a six-year term on the Planning Commission ending 12/31/09 and that this fills the open position created when Former Commissioner Durr's term expired on 12/31/03. He asked that the Council confirm this appointment.

MOTION: Councilmember Heckendorn moved to confirm the appointment of Jack Donoghue to a six-year term on the Planning Commission ending 12/31/09. Councilmember Rose seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Mayor Lowry also reported that he has asked the Planning Commission to review the issue of tree preservation on private property.

NEXT MEETING: Clerk-Treasurer Spens reminded the Council that their next meeting is scheduled for April 13th but will be continued to April 20th to allow for a quorum and will be held at Councilmember Wells' house. She added that she would post continuation notices at the appropriate time.

ADJOURN: Councilmember Heckendorn moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. Councilmember Wells seconded.

Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ann Spens
Clerk-Treasurer